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VIOLENCE PROBE OF CHICAGO SET

National Commission to Investigate Outbreaks

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A national commission charged with finding ways to prevent violence announced Wednesday it will investigate the outbreaks in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention.

The plan was disclosed as speeches about the disorders, the controversy over police handling of them and criticism of news media coverage of them overshadowed desultory legislative business on the opening day of Congress after-the-convention session.

Some members suggested—and some demanded—a federal probe.

In a related development, the Columbia Broadcasting System turned down the request of Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago for air time to present his version of what happened.

The National Broadcasting Co., in response to Daley's request to the three television networks, offered to give Daley time on a panel show. A spokesman for Daley said this was "unresponsive" and Daley probably would not agree.

The American Broadcasting Co. did not reply immediately.

CONCERN URGED

From still another source came a statement from Quinn Tamm, executive director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, saying that whether the Chicago police overreacted, as charged, people should be more concerned over the situation that precipitated the results.

Dr. Milton Eisenhower, chairman of the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, told newsmen the clashes between police and demonstrators represented to him "violence of very large proportions."

Eisenhower said the commission will recruit a special task force to determine the facts of the Chicago violence "and other recent events such as the outbreak of shootings in Cleveland."

He said the probe might also cover rioting in Miami, Fla., while the Republican national convention was underway earlier last month.

Eisenhower said the members had acted on their own initiative and had not discussed the Chicago inquiry with either President Johnson or Mayor Daley.

The 13-member panel was established by President Johnson after the fatal shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy on June 5.

REPORTS DENOUNCE

In his statement, Tamm said "a great part of the news coverage of the Democratic Convention in Chicago concerned itself with denunciatory reports of the actions of the Chicago police."

He said the initial coverage and reaction of the press were "singularly one sided" and made no mention of 161 police officers injured and little or no mention of the fact that the protesters seriously threatened to take over the headquarters hotel.

Tamm said the police mission is to enforce the law to protect all citizens.

"It cannot be accomplished," he said," if self-elected messiahs and hard-core subversives can flagrantly violate the law and be condoned in their actions by a sympathetically biased press."

He said the disorders were planned in advance and added:

"This may well be the time for thoughtful Americans to choose between anarchy and the apparently old-fashioned concept of law and order with equal justice and protection for all—not just those who protest and malign the police."